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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th July 1867.*

No. 716. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department:—

Referring to the Board of Revenue a letter from
the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, submitting certain
proposals in connection with the rules relating to the supply of water for irrigation from
the Company's Canal. (Here enter 25th July 1867, No. 1,639.)

No. 717. ORDER THEREON, 30th July 1867, No. 2,297.

IRRIGATION, No. 33.

Communicated to the Consulting
Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and
Canal Company.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company.
,, Manager for do. do.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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25th July 1867.*

No. 489. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 11th July 1867, No. 44 :—

1. Last year there was some correspondence between the Chief Engineer, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, and the Collector of Kurnool, regarding certain supplementary arrangements, which the former Officer thought it would be advisable to introduce in order to make the rules relating to the supply of water for irrigation from the Company's canal, practically more efficient than it was thought they had been found to be.

2. This correspondence was reviewed in the Proceedings* of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th September last, No. 6,897, and those Proceedings were sent to the Agent and to this Office for remarks.

3. From Mr. Henslowe's reply,† it appeared that the subject had been prematurely brought forward for consideration, and the Agent wished to wait until he had obtained the views of the Board of Directors.

4. My answer‡ to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue having, however, been communicated to the Agent, Mr. Henslowe, in the letter, as per margin,§ I took the opportunity of explaining more fully his views, both as to the defects of the system in force under the rules, for communicating to officers of the Company the particulars of the demand for water, and as to the difficulties met with in ascertaining that the water used was in accordance with the applications which had been received. Attached to this letter is a form of Irrigation Permit,|| the object of which would be to give the ryot authority for using water, the Divisional Officer of the Company intimation of the position and area of land to be irrigated, and the Agent full particulars of every separate application for water.

5. Subsequently the correspondence marginally noted¶ has taken place between the Agent and myself, and, with his last letter, Mr. Henslowe has transmitted a revised form of Irrigation voucher in quadruplicate, for the introduction of which he desires the sanction of Government.

6. The arrangement now recommended by the Agent will, I think, be likely, if efficiently carried out, to be of considerable utility, and though, as I have pointed out in the correspondence, I do not anticipate that it will be practicable by the use of such vouchers or tickets to prevent the fraudulent or irregular use of water, it will be at least convenient, that the ryot should possess a document shewing that his application for water has been duly recorded, that the Engineers

¶ To Agent, No. 202 of the 19th November.
From do. " 93 " 29th May 1867.
To do. " 63 " 31st "
From do. " 156 " 5th July "

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immediately responsible for the sufficiency of the supply should receive early notice of the registration of the applications, and that the Agent should obtain, in a form which he considers adapted for the purposes he has in view, similar information. The completion of the Revenue Survey, and the organization of an Irrigation Establishment will, in due course, enable the whole area of irrigation to be compared as frequently as may be deemed advisable with the registered applications for water; in the meantime less perfect arrangements can alone be hoped for.

7. Should the Government be pleased to accede to the Agent's request, there are two points of detail on which it will be necessary that orders should be given; first, whether any, and, if so, what remuneration should be given to the Village Curnums for the additional work which they will have to perform in preparing the water tickets in quadruplicate; secondly, whether the Company should be left to arrange for the collection of the triplicates and quadruplicates of the tickets, or whether the ryot should be required to convey them to the Divisional Office. Perhaps, for some little time, it may be convenient that the latter arrangement should be sanctioned, and in that case the duplicate, which is to remain in the possession of the ryot, should be required to be stamped or marked at the Divisional Office in order to entitle the holder to use the water. When, however, the distribution establishments shall have been got into working order, it will be an easy matter to collect, through the Company's Peons, those copies of the tickets which are intended to afford information to the officers of the Company.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) CHARLES ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

16th July 1867.

No. 490.

ORDER THEREON, 25th July 1867, No. 1,639.

Miscellaneous.

Referred to the Board of Revenue, who will obtain and submit the Collector's opinion with their own remarks on the proposed system.

(True Extract.)

Augustin

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd S. T. Augustin.

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*Command to the
Consulting Engineer
for the Madras Irriga-
-tion and Canal
Company*

420 C. E. S.

42 Manager

*Fort St George
30th July 1867*

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Pro: of the Ins. Co. & Co.
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Referring to the
Board of Revenue
a letter from the Ins. Co.
put the Ins. Co. & Co.
submitting certain
proposals in connec-
tion with the roads
relating to the supply
of water for irrigation
from the Co's Canal.

With an Order

No. 716-717